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Michigan Small Grains Summary

Winter wheat producers throughout Michigan averaged a yield of 89 bushels per acre this year, exceeding the previous record set a year ago by 8 bushels, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan wheat was grown on 610,000 acres, with 570,000 acres harvested for grain. Wheat production was 50.7 million bushels, up 32 percent compared to 2015.

Winter Wheat planting finished by the first week of November, ahead of schedule due to unseasonably warm temperatures. Statewide emergence was complete by the end of November. Mild winter conditions were kept the crop in good condition through the spring, and crop development remained ahead of schedule for most of the growing season. The abnormally dry weather during June and July allowed wheat to dry down quickly and for harvest to progress rapidly and be complete by early August. Growers reported low levels of disease present in the crop as a result of the ideal growing conditions.

Michigan producers had an average oat yield of 58 bushels per acre, a decrease of 9 bushels from last year. Thirty thousand acres of oats were harvested, down 20,000 from 2015. Oat production, at 1.74 million bushels, was down 48 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the revised 2015 total of 1.37 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, is up 12.8 bushels from 2015 and represents a new record high. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 30.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year.

U.S. Oat production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from 2015. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 981,000 acres, is 23 percent below last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Barley ¹						
Planted1,000 acres	9	11	(NA)	3,031	3,623	3,052
Harvested1,000 acres	8	6	(NA)	2,497	3,158	2,558
Yield Bushels	53.0	56.0	(NA)	72.7	69.1	77.9
Production 1,000 bu	424	336	(NA)	181,542	218,187	199,282
Oats						
Planted1,000 acres	55	75	65	2,753	3,088	2,828
Harvested1,000 acres	40	50	30	1,035	1,276	981
Yield Bushels	69.0	67.0	58.0	67.9	70.2	66.0
Production 1,000 bu	2,760	3,350	1,740	70,232	89,535	64,770
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	550	510	610	42,409	39,681	36,137
Harvested1,000 acres	470	475	570	32,299	32,346	30,222
Yield Bushels	74.0	81.0	89.0	42.6	42.5	55.3
Production 1,000 bu	34,780	38,475	50,730	1,377,216	1,374,690	1,671,532

(NA) Not available.

¹Estimates discontinued in 2016